IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Brian J. Brown, Michael Davis, David Friesen, Timothy J.

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Application No.: 10/800572 Filed: March 15, 2004

Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent For:

Group Art Unit: 3773

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$510.00.

- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
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- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 22-0350.
- A Petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22) is enclosed.

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